



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

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Time: 0800 Hours

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Homicide Unit

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SAN DIEGO POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN THE MISSION VALLEY EAST COMMUNITY

On Friday, August 28, 2015, at about 12:11 a.m., uniformed San Diego Police Officers responded to a 911 call of a male with a box cutter threatening people in the 5600 block of Mission Center Road. The reporting party said the suspect was yelling and had chased and threatened an employee of a nearby store.

An officer, who was a short distance away, arrived at the scene and began to check the area for the suspect. The officer saw a person matching the suspect's description and saw he was holding a box cutter in his hand. The officer exited his patrol vehicle and gave the suspect verbal commands. The suspect ignored those commands and quickly advanced on the officer, while holding the blade pointed at the officer. The officer retreated to the rear of his police vehicle to create distance while continuing to give verbal commands. The suspect continued to advance resulting in an officer-involved shooting. Medical aid was immediately rendered, but the suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The decedent is a male in his 50's and was identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notifications.

The officer is a 15-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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